

FBIS Analysis Group
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Key Soviet Statements on Iran (Aug-Dec 86)

(This is an annotated list giving the date and source of Soviet publication and name of commentator where available. The FBIS Daily Report issue carrying each item is noted after each annotation.)

7 Dec 86 Izvestiya (Seregin)

Reaction to Foreign Minister Velayati's comment on Tehran's intention to resist Soviet domination (DR 8 Dec 86)

2 Dec 86 Izvestiya (Kozhevnikov)

Unusually harsh (for Soviet press) criticism of Iranian support of Afghan rebels, accusing designated Khomeyni heir Montazeri by name of casting doubt on Soviet troop withdrawals from Afghanistan in October (DR 3 Dec 86)

26 Nov 86 Literaturnaya Gazeta (Belyayev)

Accused Iranians who talked with McFarlane of seeking to assist U.S. in regaining its former positions in Iran, including resumption by U.S. of electronic monitoring activities aimed at USSR. Also claimed Iranians seek to split Iraq along regional and religious lines.

23 Nov 86 Moscow Persian radio broadcast (Ivanenko)

Upbeat assessment of Soviet-Iranian economic cooperation and upcoming session of Soviet-Iranian Joint Economic Commission (DR 1 Dec 86)

11 Nov 86 Pravda ("Observer")

Alluding to Iranian account of McFarlane Iran mission, hinted that some Iranian authorities obviously intended to meet with McFarlane and had to have sanctioned his visit (DR 12 Nov 86)

28 Oct 86 TASS

Shevardnadze met Iranian ambassador to USSR at latter's request and called for a peaceful political solution to the Iran-Iraq war (DR 29 Oct 86)

8 Oct 86 TASS

Gromyko met Iranian ambassador to USSR at latter's request, thanked him for verbal message from President Khamene'i, called for negotiations between Iran and Iraq, said anti-Soviet propaganda of Iranian press not in the interest of developing normal bilateral relations (DR 9 Oct 86)

7 Oct 86 Moscow Persian radio broadcast

Unattributed commentary reviewed Soviet-Iranian economic cooperation to refute accusation by some Iranians that Soviets violated their commitments in Iran (DR 17 Oct 86)

27 Sep 86 Sovetskaya Rossiya (Musayelyan)

Commentary on human and material losses in Iran-Iraq war, reference to terrorism as spinoff of the conflict (DR 1 Oct 86)

26 Sep 86 TASS

Shevardnadze met Iraqi foreign minister at UN, called for end to Iran-Iraq war (DR 2 Oct 86). No report of Shevardnadze meeting with Iranian foreign minister

25 Sep 86 Moscow domestic radio broadcast

Accused Iranian authorities of supplying weapons to Afghan rebels (DR 29 Sep 86)

23 Sep 86 Moscow Persian radio broadcast

Unattributed commentary on positive prospects of developing Soviet-Iranian trade and transportation (DR 25 Sep 86)

23 Sep 86 TASS

Shevardnadze statement at UN presented Soviet position on stopping Iran-Iraq war, said Soviets are "sincere friends to both nations" (DR 24 Sep 86)

22 Sep 86 Moscow Persian radio broadcast

Unattributed commentary reviewed Soviet-Iranian cooperation in energy generation, said Moscow shipped equipment and spare parts regularly to Iran to enable work to continue at Esfahan thermal power plant despite absence of Soviet technicians (DR 24 Sep 86)

20 Sep 86 Krasnaya Zvezda (Vinogradov)

Commentary urged negotiated end to Iran-Iraq war (DR 23 Sep 86)

20 Sep 86 Moscow Persian radio broadcast

Reviewed meeting of Soviet-Iranian Chamber of Commerce in Tehran (DR 22 Sep 86)

17 Sep 86 Krasnaya Zvezda (TASS)

Accused Iran of killing, injuring, and imprisoning Afghan refugees in Iran desiring to return home (DR 22 Sep 86)

4 Sep 86 Paris AFP

Cited Foreign Ministry spokesman Gerasimov press conference including Soviet protest to Iran over seizure 2-3 Sep of Soviet vessels (DR 5 Sep 86). Soviet reports of press conference did not mention seizure and protest.

29 Aug 86 Izvestiya (Meshchaninov)

On-the-spot report of defeat of Iran-based Afghan rebels (DR 5 Sep 86)

28 Aug 86 Moscow Persian radio broadcast

Talk on positive prospects for resuming Iranian gas exports to USSR and Caspian Sea oil drilling (DR 3 Sep 86)